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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN MINISTER COMMENTS ON GENEVA MEETING OF IRON
ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION

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1. SIDI OULD CHEIKH ABDALLAHI, MAURITANIAN MINISTER OF PLAN AND
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, HEADED GIRM DELEGATION TO GENEVA MEETING
OFHURON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO NOUAKCHOTT

APRIL 5, HE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS AT PRESS CONFERENCE.

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2. IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION HAS SAME MOTIVATION AS OPEC. EXISTENCE WITHIN ASSOCIATION, HOWEVER, OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SUCH AS SWEDEN AND AUSTRALIA WILL RESULT IN COMPROMISE FORMULA SINCE DEVELOPED AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE CONVERGENT INTERESTS. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE MORE INTERESTED IN CONSUMING COUNTRIES THAN PRODUCING COUNTRIES WHILE LATTER MUST OF NECESSITY CONSIDER THEIR INTERESTS.

3. WHEN ASKED IF ASSOCIATION INTENDS TO FIX PRICE OF IRON ORE, ABDALLAHI REPLIED THIS IS PREMATURE SINCE ASSOCIATION HAS JUST BEEN ESTABLISHED. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF MAURITANIA, INDIA, ALGERIA, VENEZUELA, AND AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH PREPARING NEXT MEETING ON DATE WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. HE SAID, "IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT PROBLEM OF PRICES WILL FIGURE AMONG MATTERS WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THIS FIRST WORKING SESSION. SHINN

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